

Latimer, Becky

From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 1:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2019-290-WS

Dear Amanda Mears,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer



* Required Fields

Letter of Protest
Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Date: * 01/29/2020

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| Protestant Information: | |
| Name * | Amanda Mears |
| Mailing Address * | |
| City, State Zip * | Lexington SC |
| E-mail | |

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Customer of Blue Granite (previously Carolina Water/Utilities, Inc.) that is the subject of this pending proceeding.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Nobody should be gouged for water/sewer service, let alone a neighborhood like mine full of small starter homes. My water/sewer bill combined is often on par with my power bill. BlueGranite has admittedly gotten away with false meter readings, supposedly by a contracted third party, with no consequence. Having been a customer for 15+ years, my gut tells me I've overpaid for water most of the time. As I see it, they've gotten extra money from me and my neighbors already and don't deserve a rate increase. If it costs more to get water from West Columbia, then let us be West Columbia customers. Why is it necessary for Blue Granite to be our middle man for water? BlueGranite was charged with dumping sewage in our rivers on multiple occasions and never fixed up the treatment plants as ordered. While we are not currently on BlueGranite sewage, we were for many years and went through rate hikes for sewage to "improve facilities" that were clearly never improved.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

No.

Signature Required: Mandy Mears